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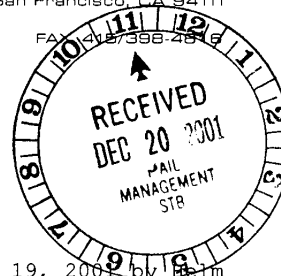
FINANCIAL CORPORATION

December 18, 2001

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Mr. Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Termination of Locomotive Lease Agreement dated November 19, 2001 by Helm Financial Corporation ("**Lease Termination**").

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Helm Financial Corporation, I submit for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder the following document:

Two (2) fully-executed originals of the above-referenced Lease Termination.

In connection with the recording of the Lease Termination, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor: Helm Financial Corporation
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700
San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee: Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co.
5300 North 33rd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53209-9229

Equipment: 3 SD40-2 Locomotives
HLCX 7173, 7204; MKCX 9032

Please record this Lease Termination as a supplemental agreement to STB Recordation No. 23040 filed on August 4, 2000 at 3:37 PM. The filing fee of \$28.00 is included in our enclosed Check No. 47552 in the amount of \$308.00.

Summary: Termination of Locomotive Lease Agreement dated November 19, 2001 by Helm Financial Corporation for 3 SD40-2 locomotives, HLCX 7173, 7204; MKCX 9032, to be filed as a supplemental agreement. Please file this Lease Termination as a supplemental agreement to STB Recordation No. 23040.

Yours truly,

Sharon L. Van Fossan
Supervisor Contract Administration

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Enclosures (2)

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TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION OF LOCOMOTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT ("Termination") is dated as of November 19, 2001 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

1. Recitals. Lessor entered into the Locomotive Lease Agreement dated as of June 12, 2000 ("Lease"), with Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, Co., a Wisconsin corporation, with respect to the three (3) locomotives described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation ("STB") under STB Recordation Numbers 23040 filed on August 4, 2000 at 3:37 PM.

The Lease was terminated on January 19, 2001. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. Termination. The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name as of the date first above written.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: Barbara W. Wilson
Name: Barbara W. Wilson
Title: Senior Vice President & CFO

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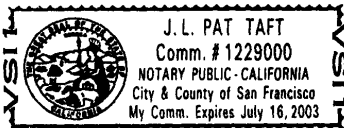
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) S.S.
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO)

On November 20th, 2001, before me, J. L. Pat Taft, personally
appeared Barbara W. Wilson, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer of **HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION**,


X personally known to me -OR-

— proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person~~(s)~~ whose name~~(s)~~ is/~~are~~ subscribed to the within
instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he~~/she/~~they~~ executed the same in
~~his~~/her/~~their~~ authorized capacity~~(ies)~~, and that by ~~his~~/her/~~their~~
signature~~(s)~~ on the instrument the person~~(s)~~, or the entity upon behalf
of which the person~~(s)~~ acted, executed the instrument.



Witness my hand and official seal.


SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

SCHEDULE A

To the Termination of Locomotive Lease Agreement
dated November 19, 2001

Description of the Units:

Three (3), 3,000 horsepower, six-axle, EMD Model, SD40-2 diesel electric locomotives.

Unit Numbers:

HLCX 7173
HLCX 7204
MKCX 9032